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Walker: Meningitis hysteria lacks reason

Derek Rowan
Staff Writer

Tyler area residents have experienced a number of illnesses from the ailment called meningitis. Although some deaths occurred in other parts of East Texas, excessive worry is unnecessary, Dr. Kerfoot Walker, Smith County public health authority said.

Meningitis is caused by a bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis* which affects the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) or the blood stream. This bacteria, which is related to the organism which causes gonorrhea, can be found in the throats of 35-45 percent of the human population, Walker said.

Symptoms of meningitis include a rapidly climbing fever, headache, nausea and stiffness of the neck and

back. The illness is less common over age 8 but can be found at any age.

"Meningitis is a very serious, rapidly fatal illness, but rare to see," Walker said.

A vaccine is available for meningitis but it does not provide complete immunity and works for only one year. Due to the expense, short supply and the seasonal nature of the illness which is almost unheard of in warmer months, this vaccination should be sought only if contact has been made with active meningitis, Walker said.

Other East Texas areas have given the vaccine to the public through vaccination clinics. Smith County has not established a vaccination program because of Center for Disease Control restrictions, Walker said. To begin a

program the area must have 10 confirmed cases per 100,000 population within three months. "The Tyler cases were totally episodic, unrelated cases—none of them even knew each other," Walker said. Some 550 people received vaccines left from the Woden program in Tyler last weekend but Smith County still doesn't fit the criteria to provide vaccinations to the public, health department officials said.

To prevent and avoid this disease, a person should maintain good health through nutrition and exercise and try to lower stress. If multiple symptoms appear or contact has been made with a person who is known to have active meningitis, medical treatment should be sought immediately, Walker said.

Mini-mester sign-up to start March 8

Heather McLeod
Staff Writer

Students who wish to complete college credit quickly may want to sign up March 8-10 for the mini-mester, Registrar William Wilmeth said.

The mini-mester, beginning March 13, will end on May 12. Students may register in the registrar's office in the White Administrative Services Center.

Courses to be offered during the spring mini-mester include: computer hardware/software, microcomputer circuits, audio and video circuits, advanced

diagnostics, data communications, English review, American government, beginning scuba diving, introduction to scuba diving, medical terminology I and II, introduction to word processing, art appreciation and reading review.

Mini-mester courses offered on instructional television are: introduction to computers, American government, U.S. history and introduction to psychology.

Students in ITV courses can watch lectures by checking out videos, watching cable or satellite TV, recording

them at home or seeing them in the Vaughn Library or the RTDC Learning Resources Center.

Students enrolled in an ITV course must attend one orientation session during the first course week to meet the instructor, receive the class syllabus, and test schedules. Orientation is mandatory to verify student's enrollment.

Anyone who is eligible to enroll for a course at TJC may enroll in ITV. Veterans are eligible to earn benefits for ITV courses, but they should talk to a VA college counselor before registering, Wilmeth said.

Students to 'Walk a Mile' Saturday

Stephanie Kirby
Staff Writer

TJC and UT Tyler will sponsor the annual Association for Retarded Citizens "Walk a Mile for a Special Child" Saturday.

All proceeds will help to pay expenses for 50 campers, 50 counselors and two directors to attend Camp Heyday, a camp for the mentally retarded from ages 6 to 60. The one-week camp costs \$550 a camper. This covers room, board and nurses.

It is an expensive experience, but for most campers, "it is their Wet & Wild and Six Flags," Psychology Instructor Rebecca Foster said.

The Walk will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and actual walking at 10 a.m. at Bergfeld Park in Tyler. Total walking distance is 1.3 miles.

Entry costs \$10 and includes a T-shirt. Entrants will be eligible for drawings throughout the walk for prizes which include money and meals from local restaurants. The big prize will be

a boot rocker made by Bob Benson. Benson has made such rockers for President Bush and Terry Bradshaw, Foster said.

Corporate entries are also encouraged. The Carrier Corporation has already bought 150 shirts. The largest group of walkers will win a trophy. Anyone who knows a corporation that may be interested is encouraged to contact Foster at 510-2278.

Some 3,000 walkers are expected to turn out. To sign up, call Foster.

Wildlife speaker to conclude series

Richard Block, senior associate for the World Wildlife Fund, will speak on campus at 7 p.m. Thursday in Wise Auditorium. Block replaces Kathryn Fuller, originally scheduled to complete the Student Enrichment Series this year.

Block has lectured widely in the U.S. and abroad about wildlife conservation and the need for individual action. He directed public programs for the WWF from 1970 to 1992 and worked at the Kansas City and Atlanta zoo as curator.

He taught courses and lectured on natural resources and conservation topics at the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment.

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'Bald Ambition Tour' to come March 16

Comedian Renee Hicks will bring her Bald Ambition Tour to Wise Auditorium at 7 p.m. March 16. Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said when he heard her at a convention, he knew she would be great for this campus.

Hicks gathers her material from daily experiences. Her relationships with family and friends give her insight to her humor.

Hicks, born in San Francisco and reared in the South, began her comedy career at the Holy City Zoo, the club where Robin Williams started. She has since appeared on "Comic Strip Live," "MTV Half-Hour Comedy Hour," "Evening At the Improv" and other shows. She also appeared in the sitcom, "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper," and can be seen in the Keenan Ivory Wayans' film, "Low Down Dirty Shame."

"Before I was a comic, I was a coach for the Special Olympics. Continued on page 2

Zits cause break-out in crime

Heather McLeod
Staff Writer

After a few rounds of thumb war with the remote, I gave up and watched the 6 p.m. news.

The evening's focus was the outburst of juvenile crime in East Texas. I thought, "Oh great. Here we go again, another one of those look-what-our-world-is-coming-to-but-we-really-don't-have-any-real-solutions-for-ya-sorry news stories." How depressing.

My mind was beginning to wander toward the direction of what's for dinner when I heard a feature on teens with zits. Now this was news.

The news reporter revealed the connection between acne and teen stress. I can relate to this. One small blemish on my face can drive me to intense madness.

It never fails. It's the night of the big concert, the second date with the guy I think may be "the one" and I'm meeting his parents for the first time. I'm finally dressed. Every hair is in place. I go in for a final makeup touch-up and Bam! Mount Rushmore has relocated to the tip of my nose, a picture familiar to many, I'm sure.

Suddenly it was as clear to me as the uh... pimple on your face. Those two news stories I heard earlier were related. Those juveniles weren't being interviewed in the dark because they were ashamed of their crimes. They had zits and lots of them. So many, in fact, they had driven them to their crimes.

How often do you see teen criminals looking face-on toward the camera? Not often. They have their jackets stretched over their heads and

their chins pressed to their chest. These kid criminals have not just festering on the outside, they've festered on the inside until they exploded in anger.

Zits are behind the eruption of juvenile crime in our society. So the big question is why haven't the experts figured this out already? Are we more satisfied with griping about our problems than looking for solutions?

Think of all the money and time put into the what's-wrong-with-our-children effort. We place the blame on broken homes, lack of discipline and poor education. But no real solution has been found—no solution that could absolutely clear up this blemish on our society, like an inexpensive over-the-counter zit cream that really works.

Broken families: blemish on society

The difficulty of getting rid of a zit is nothing compared to the complicated solution of eliminating juvenile crime. Anybody is eager to get rid of a huge zit on their nose. Few are willing to change now, or help others do so, for results that will become evident much later.

The roots of much teen crime can be traced back to dysfunctional families.

Children are showing the effects of more broken homes today than ever before. Spousal abuse is rampant. Growing up in an environment where the mother and father cannot hold a conversation without abusive yelling does not give a child an example of what a husband wife relationship should be. Who will teach these children how to love when their own

parents are fighting and abusive toward each other? It's an endless cycle of abuse unless someone takes the initiative to change.

Another family problem is discipline. Many different ideas of discipline today include spankings, groundings, time out, talking problems out, among others. The question is, are these actually being done to teach children control? Many working parents must leave their children at daycare centers. They can not see their children interacting with others. Those who work in daycares and schools limited in the amount of discipline they can exert. If the child is not taught values and discipline at home, they will carry on the violence and unruly behavior into all of life.

Children who grow up in these verbally and physically abusive families suffer from lack

of self-esteem. After a lifetime of being told they are useless and will amount to nothing, the message soaks in. Unless the adolescent has natural-born determination to succeed, they must have leadership from their parents or some other adult to feel worthy enough to succeed.

Teen crime also abounds because for some, that's the way the family has always been.

The lives of children are not determined by fate. A difference can be made in their lives if they just take the initiative to do so, and we take the time to give them the support.

Would teen crime completely disappear if there were no dysfunctional families? Not likely. But a step toward this direction could make a noticeable difference.

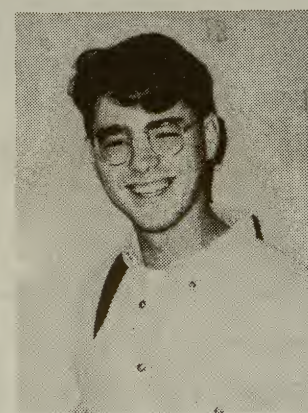
tendency with that. So now I just try to lend my talent, my time."

Hicks on cheating:

"They say that now in college, 67 percent of college students cheat... and professors try to curb this by printing at the top of tests, 'Show your work.' Now, how are you going to cheat

and do that? Draw a picture of you looking on somebody else's paper?"

The Bald Ambition Tour will take Hicks to 150 colleges and universities and clubs throughout the U.S. and to Edinburgh, Scotland.

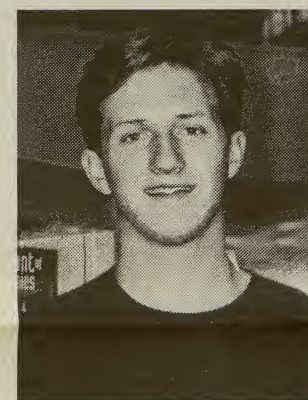


"I'm married, so I don't even care." —James Egloff, freshman



"If it's just one, depending on where it is, it is not a problem, but if there is a lot, it is a problem." —Michele Oliver, sophomore

How do you feel when you get a zit?



"Depends on how big it is. If it is really big, you feel like, 'Aren't I past this stage yet?'" —Ryan Tucker, sophomore



"I have a big one right now, so don't even come near me with that camera," —Keri Benson, sophomore

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and field, and I also used to deliver meals to AIDS people," Hicks said, according to an article in XPress magazine. "But because I'm gone so much, I can't really do that, because I can't keep consis-

Political pioneer seeks new view

Carla Bass
Staff Writer

Closely watching government for changes and reading good literature are 92-year-old Vera Schultz's two passions but now she needs to do this through another's eyes.

After losing her sight 10 years ago, Schultz has depended on others to read to her in her former home in Mill Valley, Calif. Schultz recently moved to her daughter's ranch in Ben Wheeler and her family is now offering to pay area students to resume this task.

"I'm still very much interested in everything," Schultz said. "I would want a student who has a lively curiosity and an interest in reading new and old books."

Students could control their own schedule, reading for two or three hours anytime from 11 a.m. until 6 or 7 p.m. on the weekday of their choice, she said. The readers need only a proficient reading voice and a friendly personality, in addition to curiosity.

Her readers in California found benefits "flowed both ways," Schultz said. Most readers had been American Association of University Women members. Schultz was very active in this organization and even has an AAUW scholarship established in her name.

"We were able to review many interesting historical facts about the city, county and AAUW. I was even able to give them some information on past AAUW events they hadn't encountered before," Schultz said.

Schultz also loves biographies. She has read about every first lady from Martha Washington to Nancy Reagan. Involvement in government is something she shares with these famous women. Her work as a pioneer for women in government is chronicled in a book Dr. Evelyn M. Radford wrote as her doctoral thesis.

"They called me an icebreaker," Schultz said, "I had many years of active political participation."

After earning a master's degree and working as the women's editor for the Oakland Post in California under Publisher and Editor William Randolph Hearst, she moved to Mill Valley in 1928.

With an animated voice and expression that seems much younger than her 92 years, she recounted the 67 years she spent reshaping county government in Mill Valley. She was first woman on the Marin County Board of Supervisors. The fledgling League of Women Voters flourished under her guidance.

Schultz was instrumental in signing Frank Lloyd Wright to build the civic center and mustered public support to build the Golden Gate Bridge.

Although these accomplishments are behind her now, another generation can draw from her experience.

"I would welcome students," Schultz said. "I think the students would find it worthwhile too."

Interested students can call Schultz's daughter, Joyce Hester, at 903-833-2540.



Photo by Heather McLeod

GREEN THUMB—Nursery owner Don Ingram gives a helping hand to dwarf holly bushes, which are easy-care landscaping shrubs.

Plant now for flower power

Heather McLeod
Staff Writer

People planning to landscape this season should plant now, Nursery Owner Don Ingram said.

Azaleas are very popular in Tyler, but Ingram warns that they are not the easiest plant to maintain. Other good choices are the dwarf holly, cleyera japonica and roses.

The smaller the azalea is when bought, the more likely it is to live, Ingram said. The plants are from Alabama, so if they are planted while small, they are more likely to adapt to our climate.

Ingram said azaleas come in red, white, pink, light and dark purple and burnt orange.

Most popular of 300 varieties of azaleas are dwarfs that only grow two to four feet tall.

Azaleas should be planted in a raised bed of 50 percent peat moss and good top soil.

"Azaleas don't like wet feet," Ingram said. The soil must stay only moist.

Ingram said azaleas need equal amounts of sun and shade. They should be planted in flower beds on the north side of their houses, because they can take more cold than heat.

After blooms fall off is time to prune for shape, Ingram said. Then fertilize for growth. Azaleas will grow for three months.

The nurseryman's rule of thumb is to "prune them about tax time, but not after July 4," Ingram said. July is when buds set for

next year's blooming and fertilizer is no longer needed.

People wanting to spruce up their hedges should consider the burford holly. These hollies grow from three to four feet tall. They have oblong, waxy leaves with a spiny point. Only the female hollies will have red berries.

"These are wonderful little shrubs because you can shape them like you want them and they are easy to take care of," Ingram said.

Ingram said the cleyera japonica makes a good corner plant because it grows very tall and fertilizing is hardly necessary after planting.

The new leaves on a cleyera will have a red accent. These grow to about four feet.

"Everybody wants to grow Tyler roses," Ingram said. They grow well in sandy soil.

The best way to buy roses is potted, Ingram said. They are also sold as bare root, which must be planted immediately, and packaged, which must be planted within 30 days. Potted roses can wait a year to be planted.

Ingram said roses should be planted in an open bed to receive 100 percent sunlight.

Till the soil with a good soil conditioner and plant about two feet apart.

If powdery mildew and black spots appear on roses, spray every 10 days with appropriate fungicides. Fertilize with rose food.



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\$25,000 endowments fund 3 new Presidentials

TJC's 59th, 60th and 61st Presidential Scholarships, each with an endowment of \$25,000, honor Lloyd and Seville Nunn, Rilla Jeffrey Squyres and Doyle D. Starnes Jr.

Seville Nunn, who retired in 1984 from Tyler Independent School District as school nurse coordinator, established the Nunn Scholarship in memory of her husband. She moved to Tyler in 1938 and worked at Mother Frances Hospital and East Texas Medical Center. The scholarship is to be awarded for next fall with preference for students interested in nursing.

Sons Arthur, Weldon and Robert Squyres established the Squyres Presidential to honor their mother who was a former TJC trustee. Weldon Squyres, a Tyler CPA, serves on the planned giving advisory council of the TJC Foundation.

The Starnes Scholarship, endowed by a contribution from Caldwell Schools, honors Starnes, a Caldwell Zoo consulting vet for 25 years.

The first Starnes Scholarship will be awarded next fall to a student interested in veterinary science or other agricultural fields. Starnes is on the Foundation Board.

The Board strengthens higher edu-

cation resources available to the College by encouraging gifts.

"We're grateful to organizations like Caldwell Zoo and the commitment of people like (Zoo Director) Hayes Caldwell,...and Doyle Starnes for their interest in the futures of young people," Interim President Dr. William R. Crowe said. "Contributions such as this assist

\$\$\$\$\$ Baker hits greens for students \$\$\$\$\$

TJC Foundation Executive Director C. C. Baker Jr. is responsible for raising money for scholarships. "Knowing how important good scholarships are" keeps him at his work, Baker said.

"It takes several years to get to know people and get them involved in helping the school," he said. "That means a lot of time on golf courses and other fellowship places to develop relationships with potential clients."

His goal is to raise the funding to renovate Wise Auditorium, add four more presidential scholarships and add 5 to 10 faculty teaching chair awards. The 61 Presidentials represent total endowments of \$1,525,000 with the Foundation.

Baker, a former Tyler area high school principal, has been raising money for

the College in its efforts to provide academic opportunities for the very brightest college students."

Presidential scholarships go to incoming freshmen who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership in extracurricular high school and community activities and rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes.

TJC for 11 years.

"It sounds awful to say, but I have to always have someone in the pipeline—know who you're working with today to get a gift for tomorrow," Baker said. Doing a lot of charity work is essential to his job, he said. "Visibility is a big part of creating and developing relationships."

"All good leaders have to be out in the community," he said. Baker is deeply involved with PATH, which offers emergency help to people in need.

"People donate money for scholarships for various reasons," he said. Loyalty to your school, charity, giving back what was given to you, sense of responsibility, tax benefits, enticing enrollment in a particular field and upholding the memory and interests of a loved one and their interests are

The scholarships award \$2,000 per year which students can use for tuition, books and supplies, housing or basically anything else related to school. Once a student wins a presidential, it is renewed as long as the student keeps a 3.5 grade point average and remains full-time. Scholarship applications are available from high school counselors.

among the most popular.

The ripple effect is also a significant reason to contribute. "The more contributions TJC receives, the better the school becomes as we put the money to use," he explained. "The more advanced education we can offer, the more interest we generate in our school. The more the interest, the higher the enrollments."

Having a great school in your town gets attention, attracts people and boosts the economy. It all circles around so the money given will usually come back to the giver, Baker said.

"Students who might not otherwise to get an education are very grateful to the scholarship program," he said, "They become contributors to society and improve the community."

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Student teaches 3-D course

Willie Killian gives new meaning to the term student teacher. A 21-year-old TJC sophomore, he is also teaching a continuing education class called 3-D Studio.

This is the type of computer program the movie industry and advertisers use to create lifelike three-dimensional images and computer generated animations.

Coca-Cola's commercials featuring polar bears are a good example of what can be done with 3-D Studio, Killian said.

Shapes are first created in two dimensions, then extruded into three dimensions. Objects can be rotated, shrunk, enlarged, twisted and colored solid or in patterns.

Killian first learned to use 3-D Studio for his final project in Computer Instructor Ed Cunningham's Advanced AutoCad class. He enjoyed it so much that he decided he would like to teach it, and Cunningham recommended him for continuing education.

The class was set up after the schedules were printed, which happens quite often, Staff Technician Jenny Sims said. They used flyers and word-of-mouth to fill the class.

Students include an inventor, architects, engineers, artists, computer and drafting majors, as well as a 15-year-old girl and her father. Cunningham also attends the Wednesday night sessions, acting as a facilitator.

Killian hopes to offer another beginning class and add intermediate and advanced classes beginning Wednesday. Each five-week session costs \$48. For more information call 510-2900.

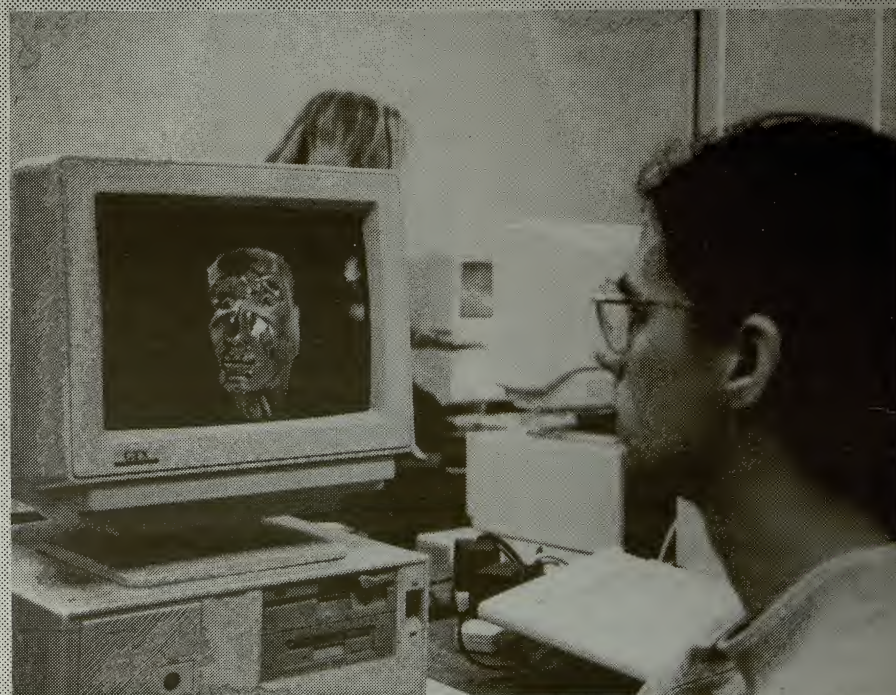


Photo by Karin Miller

FACING THE FUTURE — Sophomore Willie Killian utilizes his knowledge learned in Advanced AutoCad to teach 3-D Studio, a continuing education class. Killian hopes to generate enough interest to offer additional classes.

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Students, faculty give drop policy mixed reviews

Landon Lewis
Staff Writer

The drop policy is confusing to many students, although it can be extremely important. During the first eight weeks of classes, an instructor can drop a student for too many absences. Generally instructors allow no more than two weeks of absences before they drop someone.

After mid-term instructors cannot drop a student for any reason. A student who stops attending but forgets to drop a class will fail the course.

Psychology Instructor Jeanne Ivy does not notice a large difference in attendance after the eighth week. Ivy believes no attendance policy should be required, but her grading system makes attendance a factor. Some students take the attendance policy the wrong way and use it as a protector, she said.

Leo Davis, English and Success Oriented Study instructor, has a entirely different set of rules to go by. SOS instructors can drop students through the twelfth week. After that, the student must initiate any drop. SOS instructors must follow other rules to deal with students in TASP remediation courses.

Student opinions vary. Sophomore Jeff Palmer likes the policy in

general. Elaine Wrape does not like it at all. She believes at college level students should be able to attend when they want to and initiate their own drops.

Freshman Mistie Pace dislikes the drop rule because, she said college students are mature enough to come to class on their own.

Sophomore Joe Louis and Freshman Carl Wilson think there should be no attendance policy at all. They dislike the drop rule.

Nontraditional Freshman Cathy Lewis said, "I do not believe there should be a drop policy because of all the things that come up during a semester to cause you to miss".

At college level there should be no attendance policy, Freshmen Chris Williams and Eric Linthicun said. Students should be able to make their own decisions.

Nontraditional Freshman Jim Cook said he likes the policy and believes it should be extended for the entire semester.

Most agree that students need to understand the policy and know how to use it. After eight weeks, they must go to the Registrar's Office and initiate a drop. March 10 is the last day for instructor-initiated drops.

Mideast class to open

Windows into Middle Eastern life will open in Dr. Manouchehr Khosrowshahi's continuing education course in April.

The Middle East: Politics, Culture and Language began during the Gulf War when students and faculty expressed interest in learning about this region. Government Instructor Khosrowshahi lived in Iran for 24 years before moving to the United States in 1978. He created this course and has offered it every fall and spring since then. Last semester, he taught almost 100 students.

"I'm familiar with the Middle Eastern culture and it's easy for me to compare and contrast it with the United States," Khosrowshahi said. "Students can be enlightened by this."

In the five-session lecture and discussion course, he will explain Islam, Arab-Israeli conflict, civil wars in Lebanon and the Iran-Iraq war. It will also cover Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, oil politics, the arms race and U.S. foreign policy in the area.

The class will meet 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 - May 2. Location will be announced. Tuition costs \$15 and students can register in the Registrar's Office, White Administrative Services Center or in the Regional Training and Development Center during regular office hours. Call Khosrowshahi at 903-510-2279 for more information.

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public affairs are some of Block's duties. Block helped develop the CD-ROM, "Dangerous Creatures" for Microsoft and assisted Home Box Office in producing the family special "Going, Going, Almost Gone."

In 1991 and 1992, Block as technical advisor on education to the President's Council on Environmental Quality for the "Environmental Challenge Awards." He has been a technical adviser to writers and publishers of books about endangered wildlife, rain forests and giant pandas.

Block received a B.S. degree in environmental studies from Principia College and a M.S. degree in natural resources from the University of Michigan. He continues a part of the UM system School of Natural Resources and Environments board of governors.



***OOPS!**—In the Feb. 16 issue, we inadvertently ran an incorrect photo with the story on a Middle Eastern dance course. Pictured here is dancer Debra Stevens who will teach the course April 16-May 4. We are sorry for the mix up.*

UTT on campus

Admissions counselors for University of Texas at Tyler will be on campus March 6, 13 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rogers.

Counselors will be giving interested students information on general education requirements, scholarships and applications, Sue Hall of UTT admissions, said.

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Students give blood

Earlier this week the Stewart Blood Center collected 45 units of blood on campus in a blood drive. The need for A- and O- blood is critical, but the Center needs all blood types. Blood Center Receptionist Gwen White said. Each student donor received a T-shirt. This drive was co-sponsored by the Shriners.

The blood will benefit the Galveston Shrine Burn hospital. Those who missed the drive can donate from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at Monday through Friday at the Blood Center at 815 S. Baxter. It is only about three blocks north of Rogers Student Center.

Nature seeks help

As citizens realize they live in a fragile ever-changing environment, conservation and management of natural resources are becoming top priorities.

Volunteers can make a difference.

Last year, through Student Conservation Association Inc., more than 1,100 college students and other adults participated in a resource assistant program to help make the difference. Volunteers gain professional experience

through conservation and managing of natural resource areas in jobs from the snow covered peaks of Alaska to the fragile coastline of the Florida Keys.

Expense-paid opportunities are available for summer and fall. Three-month resource assistants usually require one to two weeks of intensive on-site training, specific to the assigned job. First aid and safety training programs may be included.

Applicants can choose from positions with agencies including the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although workers are volunteers, they receive travel expenses to and from the site, meals and housing. Housing ranges from tents to apartments, depending on locale. Volunteers are required to work 40 hours per week and be at least 18 years old.

Students exploring careers in conservation can earn academic credit from this work experience.

For information write to Resource Assistant Program, The Student Conservation Association, Inc., P.O. Box 550, Charlestown, N.H. 03603-0550 or call (603) 543-1700 or Fax (603) 543 1828

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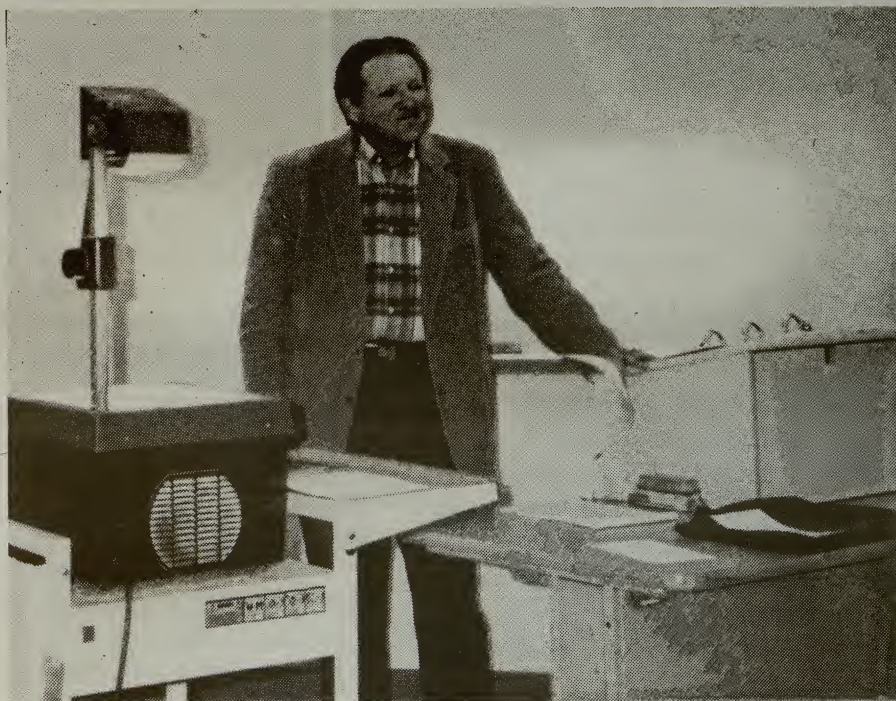


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Teacher's repertoire entertains students

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Cartoons projected on the screen at the front of the room greet students entering Rhey Nolan's economic classes. Sometimes the cartoons relate to economics. Sometimes they are just for fun.

Besides the overhead projector and the traditional "chalk and talk" method, Nolan uses humor, theatrics and storytelling to get his points across. He believes that at least 90 percent of quality instruction is entertainment.

"A good teacher can successfully teach any subject with the proper training. Delivery of the material is the key, and that involves all of the above," he said. "Good instructors are able to take the dry, abstract and philosophical course materials and present them in a lively manner through the use of humor and real-world examples."

Nolan said students need instructors dedicated to teaching more than simple facts to help them understand the relevance, impact and application of basic concepts.

While Nolan enjoys making his students laugh, and rarely loses his patience or sense of humor, he has little tolerance for sloppiness or apathy in the classroom. If a student is tardy, he counts it as an absence.

"Some students are dedicated to learning, some are wasting a golden opportunity," he said, adding that this hasn't changed in the 19 years he has been teaching.

"Students seem to have been the most motivated following traumatic national events such as the Great Depression and World War II. The students of the last two generations have avoided having to live through attitude-altering national crises. I say that knowing that I represent one of the generations I am talking about," Nolan said.

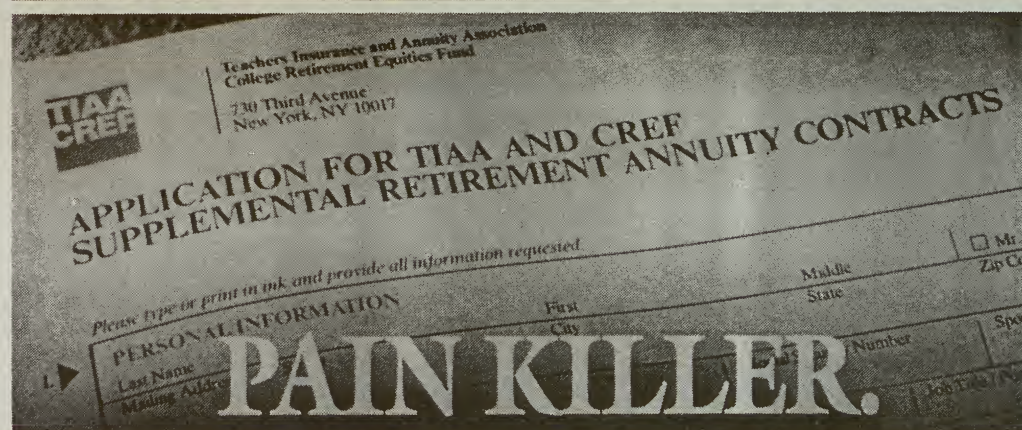
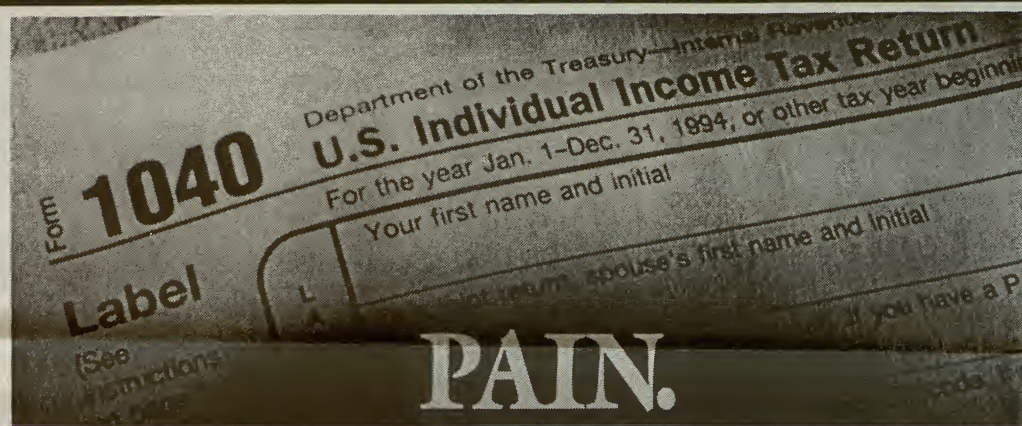
"As awful as it sounds, maybe students would focus on educational opportunities if they had to cope for a period of time with a less comfortable and secure environment," he said.

Nolan thinks that such a crisis may be at hand, because corporate downsizing and job restructuring will probably be the norm for at least the next decade.

If students do become more motivated, Nolan thinks TJC faculty are well-equipped to handle the demand. He said he was extremely impressed as he looked at the faculty at the fall division meeting.

"The new faculty is highly motivated, highly qualified and has been selected with more care than in previous years. I am proud they are my colleagues," he said.

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Groth happy with team's progress

After a slow start, the Apache Baseball Team has won four of its last five games. During the Apache Spring Tourney last month, TJC tallied three wins beating Murray State University and Bossier Parish College twice.

Seven players are hitting over .300, two over .500. James Sinor leads the team with .556 average, collecting five hits in his first nine at-bats. Other players hitting over .300 are: Byron Killion, Brad Eubank, Stephen Purl, Matt McKinney, Jeff Pool and Stephen Redden.

Apache Coach Jon Groth is happy with the team's progress, but said he still has a lot to learn about his team in their 13 games before conference play begins.

"I'm going to continue to move players around defensively as well as in the batting order, (so) I can see different players do different things and make judgements on where people play the best," Groth said.

They will next play Friday at the Bossier Parish Tournament. Their next home game will begin at 4 p.m. on March 13 against Connors State College, at Mike Carter Field. Admission is free to all students with a valid ID.

The Apaches won their tournament opener beating Bossier 10-6. Jake Dixon was the winning pitcher. They defeated Murray State 5-4 as starting pitcher Wyatt Halliday picked up the win. TJC won again over Bossier 11-6 with Rob Kirkland as the winning pitcher.

Four players led in hits. Infielders Brad Eubank and Brian Baklik, Catcher Stephen Redden and Outfielder Matt McKinney each knocked out four hits and Baklik and Redden also recorded four runs batted in. James Sinor belted a three-run homer to lead the Apaches to a one-run victory over Bossier Saturday in the Apaches' most exciting play.



Photo by Derek Rowan
YUCK!—Middle school students observe as Dr. Mary Nash from the Caldwell Zoo handles a snake as part of Expanding Your Horizons. 800 students attended the program held Feb. 18 at TJC.

Coaches recruit for football season

Coach Delton Wright and his staff spend almost 10 months of the year searching for the perfect football team.

Each year the first phase of their search starts in September. Coaches concentrate their efforts within a 150-mile radius of Tyler so they can conduct a hands-on recruiting program.

"This area has a heavy concentration of excellent talent," Wright said.

The coaching team studies the athletes playing at their schools and talks with their high school coaches and counselors. They check over academics of players they are considering.

"Video cameras have revolutionized our recruiting program," Wright said. Coaches are now able to evaluate more players by watching them on screen to further check out the motor and athletic skills so important in their selection: speed, size and agility.

All TJC athletes receive full scholarships to cover housing, meals, books, tuition and fees.

"The main focus is academics," Wright emphasized. "The coaches spend time visiting with the player's families and explain to them what TJC can do for their kids."

"The players come to TJC for an overnight trip, get to visit classrooms, stay in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria, check out the football field and have a tour of the town. Parents are encouraged to visit with their kids and get to know the campus and our city," he said.

All the visiting for football occurs in a span of about three weeks. Prospective players are assigned a host player during their overnight trip.

"This is a 24-hour a day job", Wright said, with a big grin. It's pretty obvious, he wouldn't have it any other way.

Apaches' basketball season ends early

Potential may be the hardest thing a team ever has to deal with. Just ask Apache Men's Basketball Coach Fred Rike. The Apaches were picked to finish near the top of the Texas Eastern Athletic Conference, but his team ended its season this week with a record of 13 wins and 15 losses and only 8 and 14 in conference play.

"We expected more out of the team this year, but we are surely not disappointed," Rike said. "We're proud that the team fought hard through adversity and the positive way they finished the season."

The first-year coach also believes they did not have any luck or catch any breaks. Rike points out that the team lost seven games by no more than three points. A few scores could have

helped them finish as good as 20 and 8 instead of 13 and 15.

Highlighting the season was the outstanding play of sophomore guard, Joe Newton. Newton lead the team in scoring with 20.1 points per game, 166 assists and 63 steals. Newton scorched Angelina College for 42 points, while dishing out 17 assists on Feb. 22. Apache Assistant Coach Kyle Keller called that performance the "most impressive single game performance" he had ever seen. Ironically Newton broke his foot in the second overtime of the game, which all but ended the Apaches' playoff chances.

Now that the season is over, Rike will shift all of his attention to recruiting for next year. They will need at least eight or nine new

players next year to make up for the team's departing sophomores. Rike said he looks forward to doing the recruiting so he can fill the void.

Apache Mims: happy to be home

Apache Lady Tamika Mims, third in the conference in scoring, averages 24.4 points and 10.6 rebounds a game. She has established herself as a strong player despite her size.

"People used to tell me I was too big to play basketball, but my father inspired me to play," Mims said. Mims, or "Noch" as her friends call her, was heavily recruited at John Tyler High School where she set records in basketball and track.

After considering her options Mims chose to attend

Howard Junior College in Big Spring, but she got homesick and returned to TJC last spring to join the Apache Ladies.

"Athletes should not go to a certain college for materialistic things, and that's what I did," Mims said. An athlete should ignore materialistic things when they are being recruited.

"Tamika is a leader both on and off the court which has really helped our team," Ladies Coach Lee Ann Riley said.

She will return next season and hopes to do even better then.

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